



**Marine Wing Support Squadron 373
Marine Aircraft Group 11**



Safety Policy

As the Nation's premier Force in Readiness we are always "on call." This requires every member of MWSS-373 to maintain a high level of readiness.

In order to sustain a high constant state of readiness we naturally put ourselves at personal risk. Safety must be a primary factor in our daily routine, whether it is in combat, training, or on liberty. All leaders must guard against reckless behavior and complacency; it jeopardizes the health, safety, and combat readiness of our unit.

While risk is inherent in many things that we do, we must learn to manage it by controlling and mitigating risk regardless of operational complexity. We must continue to provide realistic training balanced with a strong emphasis on risk mitigation, the same principles and procedures apply equally to our off-duty activities.

To accomplish this we have a responsibility to each other. There are no acceptable mistakes when it comes to failing in Force Preservation. Through concerned leadership, we will mentor Marines and Sailors to ensure the message is understood. As engaged leaders we have a range of tools to help us in our efforts. Risk mitigation is one of the best means available as we fight to eliminate senseless and needless loss of life and injury, both on and off duty. I charge all Marines to ensure risk mitigation strategies are included in the planning and execution of all on-duty and liberty activities.

Like our equipment, we must be personally ready when the Nation calls. We will not look for shortcuts in achieving perfection because there are no shortcuts.

Semper Fidelis

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